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What do *your* passwords look like?

Do you use **password** or **123456**

to log in to important (or even
not-so-important) websites? It is
not possible to completely avoid
getting “hacked,” but there are
ways to create more secure
passwords. Using the same login
and password on multiple websites
is also unwise.

Some websites force users to
create better passwords by
requiring certain elements, such as
a capital letter and a special
character. It can be irritating, but it
is in your best interest to make
your passwords as secure as
possible. Here are some tips from
Jessamyn West:

Do not use actual words, runs
of numbers (i.e. 12345,
112211), backwards
words, or words with @
instead of a.

Avoid using anything that can
be directly linked to you,
such as kids’ or pets’
names and birthdates.

Do not use the name of the
product or website you are
creating a password for
(amazon for your Amazon
account).

Change your passwords
regularly.

Michael Sauers, from the Nebraska
Library Commission recommends
going to [https://
howsecureismypassword.net/](https://howsecureismypassword.net/)
to check the strength of your
passwords. This site explains how
long it would take for a computer to
crack your code and gives examples
of how it could be improved.

Michael also recommends using a
password vault such as LastPass
(<https://lastpass.com/>) if you need
passwords for a number of websites.
With a password vault, you have only
one super secure password and it
keeps a list of logins and passwords
for the sites you visit regularly. It
automatically logs in for you and
enters the password when needed.

For more information, go to [http://
nlc.nebraska.gov/ncompasslive/](http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ncompasslive/) and
click on “Archived NCompass Live
Sessions”. The March 12 program is
titled **Password Management &
Security**.

West, Jessamyn. 2014. “Practical Technology.”
Computers in Libraries (March) 19-21.



WHY YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY IS IMPORTANT



THEY HAVE EBOOKS

152 Nebraska public libraries loan e-books – that's 57% of the state's public libraries.

Number of eBook checkouts
in FY 2012: 436,090

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The population served
by these libraries

1,474,416



That is

79.5%

of all Nebraska RESIDENTS

THE LIBRARY IS A TECHNOLOGY CENTER

237 public libraries
provide free public Internet
access – that's 88%



Number of free
Internet computers
available to the public:

2,687

a 15.5%
increase
over last
year

Libraries providing
wireless Internet
access: 216 or 81%

216 OR **81%**

Libraries that connect to their
members through social networks

164 OR



THE LIBRARY IS A LEARNING CENTER

Libraries
delivered

27,159

programs
which were
attended by

686,531 PEOPLE

544,465 CHILDREN
Attended

17,999

programs held in
Nebraska libraries.

THE LIBRARY IS A COMMUNITY CENTER WITH THE RESOURCES YOU NEED

Number of resources
in Nebraska libraries

8,288,600

Items loaned
in FY 2012

13,497,292

Number of registered
library members

1,026,086

Number of times people
used their public library

8,656,034

Nebraskans that live in a community
served by a public library

80%

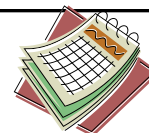


Nebraska
Library Commission

Sources:

2011-2012 Nebraska Public Libraries Survey (222 or 82% responding).

Mark Your Calendar



April 13-19	National Library Week
April 18	Good Friday—RVLS Office Closed in the afternoon
April 25	Arbor Day—RVLS Office Closed
April 28	Colloquium—Managing the Talent with Jamie LaRue, LaVista (pg 4)
April 28-May 9	Basic Skills—Library Policy
May 9	Nebraska Library Commissioners' Meeting, Lincoln
May 12-23	Basic Skills—Customer Service
June 2-13	Basic Skills—Reference
June 6	RVLS Annual Meeting, McCook City Library (pg 7)
June 16-27	Basic Skills—Management & Supervision
July 17	Nebraska Library Leadership Institute Reunion, UN-L Love Library



3rd Annual Week of Weeding



The Republican Valley Library System celebrated the **3rd Annual RVLS Week of Weeding** from March 3 through March 7. We had a dozen libraries participating including public, school, and academic libraries. Together they weeded more than 4,000 items.

Some were enthusiastic weeders, excited about the shelf space this project provided, and one reported that weeding “gave me many moments of trepidation” and that it “hurt my heart.”

One librarian faced some controversy with members of her community wondering why she was “throwing away books.” All the participants mentioned the improvement in their collections and recognized that, although it was difficult at times, weeding is a necessary part of library management.

A random drawing was held at the RVLS Summer Reading Program Workshop. The winner of the Kindle eReader is **Sky Seery**, from the Learning Resource Center at Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte.

Congratulations to all who participated in this year's Week of Weeding!



Eastern Library System presents...

Colloquium 2014

Managing the Talent:

How to spot 'em, grow 'em, and move 'em along

featuring Jamie LaRue

5:30— 6:30 Social hour with cash bar

6:30— 7:30 Dinner

7:30— 8:30 Presentation by Jamie LaRue 8:30—

9:30 Time for Questions and Discussion

Menu Selections:

Asiago Chicken

Pan roasted chicken breast with a mushroom-thyme cream sauce served with a salad, olive oil and garlic fingerling potatoes, green bean almondine, and dessert.

Tilapia

Seasoned and grilled tilapia filet served with salad, olive oil and garlic fingerling potatoes, green bean almondine, and dessert.

Vegetarian Mushroom Penne Pasta

Mushroom penne tossed with julienne vegetables and roasted red pepper cream sauce served with salad, green bean almondine, and dessert.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Organization: _____

Menu selection: ____ Chicken ____ Fish ____ Vegetarian

Other dietary restrictions, i.e. gluten free, etc.?

Monday, April 28, 2014

Embassy Suites, La Vista



From 1990 to 2014, Jamie LaRue was director of the Douglas County (Colorado) Libraries, widely known as one of the most successful and innovative public libraries in the nation. He was the Colorado Librarian of the Year in 1998 and in 2013

won the Colorado Association of Libraries' Career Achievement Award. In 2014, he embarked on a career of writing, speaking, teaching, and consulting.

Staff are the key library asset, defining both the performance and the reputation of your organization. Learn some of the key things to watch for in recruiting and hiring, orienting and encouraging, and even (gulp) how to have the 20 second conversation you've been avoiding for 20 years.

Send registration and \$45.00 by April 21 to:

Eastern Library System
11929 Elm Street, Suite 18
Omaha, NE 68144

Questions: Call 402-330-7884 or
email bmaass@windstream.net

Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting**March 7, 2014 10:00 am —Elwood Public Library****PRESENT:** Jody Crocker, Beth Falla, Jane Hilton, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Mo Khamouna, Sky Seery, Dana Wade**ABSENT:** Dixie Codner, Annette Eisenhart, Robyn Johnston, Vicki Perrie**ALSO PRESENT:** Denise Harders (Systems Administrator), Richard Miller (NLC Rep)**Agenda****CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Jody Crocker called the meeting to order at 10:06.**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (1.3.14) Dana Wade moved to accept minutes with a couple of minor corrections, Tim Johnson seconded. The minutes were approved as corrected.**FINANCIAL REPORT:** 67% of the budget through, on track with the year. Price was raised on the copier agreement.

Over on Training and Ed, but category is pretty much complete. Jane Hilton moved, Pat Hughes seconded to approve the financial reports as read.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you from Tina Walker from MPCC for the scholarship that will go to her attendance at MPLA Leadership Institute.

Valentine Public Library sent a thank you for borrowing the book club kit.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Weeding and Book mending Workshop On Demand was held in Holdrege. Dewey or Don't We? will be held in North Platte March 21st. Successful author tour with Peg Sundberg. Minden Public Library has hired Janene Hill as their Library Director and will begin on March 31st. Hildreth Public Library is moving right along on their construction. Holdrege has a new director, Allison Peyton.**OLD BUSINESS:****Update on the Systems Reorganization Task Force:** 2 scenarios were presented to the Commissioners. A decision will be made on May 9th.

All options are open – keep current (6 Systems)/change to 5/change to 4. Transitions estimated to take 6 mos.

RVLS Technology Plan: All items on current Tech Plan are complete. The board agreed to purchase a new laptop, which is for internal use. There is a grant (see below, New Business Grant) in which there is more money to spend. Dana Wade moved that we wait to go forward on the Tech Plan until after the reorganizations of the systems. Mo Khamouna seconded.**NEW BUSINESS:****NLC Office Technology/CE Grant:** \$1200 was given to each system was for Office Technology or Continuing Education.

With these funds, the Tech Plan committee was consulted. Denise would be happy with a Windows laptop. Beth suggested looking into a Dell tablet as they are pretty cost effective. Denise is going to do some research, make a selection and will bring it back to the Tech Committee.

Board Member Retirements: Beth Falla and Jane Hilton are nearing their term limits. {Sad!} Due to the potential systems reorganization, is it fair to bring in new board members? Jane and Beth would be happy to stay on until things are settled. We could then run with open positions. Pat Hughes made a motion to keep the current board members in place until the Systems Reconfiguration is complete. Mo Khamouna seconded.**2014-15 Board Meeting Schedule: Dates for RVLS Board meetings are as follows:**

June 6—Annual Meeting, McCook

November 7 —Conference Call

Sept. 5—Minden Public Library

January 9 — Conference Call

The rest of the meeting times will be discussed after the system reconfiguration.

Bulk Loan Contracts: Talked w/Commission staff {again, system reorganization} to honor contract July 1 through December 31, 2014.

Other changes are—6 mo. Contract, \$25 per library served and inclusion of audio books. Compensation is now based on percentage of libraries served.

Upcoming Events: 3.14—Commissioners' Meeting KPL
 3.17—Summer Reading Program, Holdrege PL
 4.13-19—National Library Week
 4.14—Meet with Arapahoe Public Library Board
 4.18—Good Friday, RVLS Office closed

4.25 — Arbor Day, RVLS Office closed
 5.9 — Commissioners' Meeting
 5.21— Quarterly Meeting with NLC, Lex PL
 5.26 — Memorial Day, RVLS Office closed
 6.6— RVLS Annual Meeting, McCook

NLC Commission Representative Report: Agatha Award Nominees announced, see <http://www.malicedomestic.org/agathaawards.html>. 2014 Dilys Award winners and nominees are found here: <http://www.mysterybooksellers.com/the-dilys-award/>. Need Advocacy? Check out United for Libraries "Citizens-Save-Libraries" grants. More info on ALA website. Nebraska Library Foundations invited to participate in new discussion list from United for Libraries. Look on the ALA website for more info. 21st Century Librarian Scholarship Students have been announced. John Felton has new info on NLA's Advocacy Day. The Regional Library System Configuration Task Force has wrapped up their work. Decisions will be made in May. There are several Basic Skills classes coming up. See the NLC website for more details. NCompass Live programs are ongoing. There are very interesting sessions coming up. Lib2Gov has been re-launched <http://www.lib2gov.org/>. There are training opportunities at Nebraska Museums Association Annual Conference. Like comics? See the [Digital Comics Museum](http://www.digitalcomicsmuseum.org/)! Nebraska Librarians encouraged to help library customers access Financial Aid Toolkit, see more at: <http://blog.ims.gov/?p=4536#sthash.MTZZ02MR.dpuf>

Board Open Forum: Jane shared information on a local author Rebecca Long-Chaney, who is available for programming. Dana shared that a \$20,000 grant was awarded for Culbertson library. They have over \$300,000 for their new building. Jody shared that the Annual Meeting will be touring the Frank Lloyd Wright house {Sky is over the moon excited!} Denise passed out BookPage.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.**Next Board Meeting:** Annual Meeting, June 6th in McCook.

RVLS NEWS

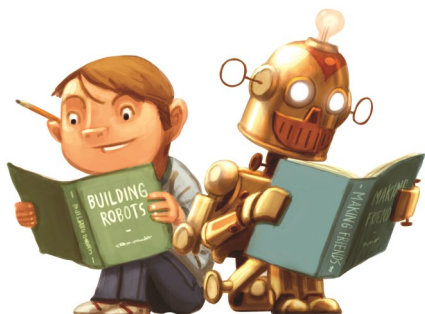
"Fizz Boom Read"

The RVLS Summer Reading workshop was held at the Holdrege Area Public Library on March 17th.

Sally Snyder reviewed a great list of 'theme related' books appropriate for all ages.



Mary Matuszewski from Sump Memorial Library presented "hands on" activity ideas for participants.



Book Secret

If Librarians Could Share One Book with the World,
What would it be?

There is something about people who work in libraries. Whether they are keepers of information, sharers of stories, helpers, preservers, guides or all of the above, library staff are surrounded by treasures every day. Why should these people keep their favorite books secret? In fact, people who work in libraries usually love to talk about the great finds they discover. **Booksecret.org** aims to help library staff around the world share the amazing items all around them.

This website was created by the staff at Davenport (IA) Public Library. Share your favorites here:
<http://booksecret.org/>.



The Ellison

The Ellison cutting machine is available for the months of July, August, November and December 2014.

Please contact the RVLS Office, if you would like to schedule it for your library.

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

*Republican Valley Library System
2014 Annual Meeting
June 6, 2014*

*McCook City Library
802 Norris Ave.
McCook, NE 69001*

9:30 —RVLS Board Meeting

11:00—RVLS Annual Meeting

12:00—Lunch (included in Registration)

12:45—NE Library Commission Report
by Richard Miller

1:00 —2:30 pm—Tour of the
Frank Lloyd Wright house in McCook

(Be sure to wear walking shoes.)

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We will have the opportunity to visit this house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Mr. Wright was recognized in 1991 by the American Institute of Architects as "the greatest American architect of all time."



Registrations Due— May 23, 2014

Registration Form

RVLS Annual Meeting—June 6, 2014



Name: _____ Library: _____

E-mail: _____

Please send this registration form and \$20 per person to:

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Libraries store the energy that
fuels the imagination.
~ *Sidney Sheldon*